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STAFFDEL BRYEN/RICHARDSON

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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL BRYEN/RICHARDSON

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO STAFFDEL
FROM DICK MOOSE, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE SUB-COMMITTEE, SFRC.

QUOTE: SENATOR HUMPHREY REQUESTS THAT YOU DEVOTE PARTICULAR
ATTENTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION DURING THE REMAINING
PORTION OF YOUR VISIT IN ATHENS AND WHILE ON CYPRUS. WE
HAVE REVIEWED THE SCHEDULE PROPOSED FOR YOU BY EMBASSY
NICOSIA AND SENATOR SUGGESTS THAT YOU EXTEND YOUR TIME THERE
AND, IF NECESSARY, RETURN TO TURKEY FOR FOLLOW-UP CONSUL-
TATIONS SPECIFICALLY ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. AMONG THE
MATTERS WHICH THE SENATOR BELIEVES YOU SHOULD EXPLORE ARE
THE CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS, INTERACTION BETWEEN THE
RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES AND THE TURKISH AND GREEK
GOVERNMENTS, ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ON CYPRUS AND THE STATUS
OF REFUGEE AND RELIEF EFFORTS.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FORMATION OF A TURKISH-CYPRIOT

FEDERATION GOVERNMENT BY DENKTASH MAY COMPLICATE THE FUTURE COURSE OF COMMUNAL TALKS. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME QUESTION

OF DENKTASH'S COMMITMENT TO PURSUE THESE TALKS IN A SINCERE MANNER NOTWITHSTANDING HIS PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO DO SO. SOME BELIEVE THAT EVEN THE TURKS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO CONTROL DENKTASH.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE GREEK SIDE WE FIND A FEELING HERE THAT THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS ARE PERHAPS DRAGGING THEIR FEET HOPING FOR MORE PRESSURE FROM WASHINGTON ON THE TURKS. WE ARE NOT CLEAR ABOUT THE CURRENT ATTITUDE IN ATHENS ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. OTHER THAN QUESTIONS SUGGESTED BY THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS, THE FOLLOWING ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF LINES OF INQUIRY WHICH WE THINK YOU SHOULD PURSUE. IT IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST AND YOU SHOULD ELABORATE ON THEM AS YOU THINK BEST.

(A) WHAT IS THE CURRENT OUTLOOK FOR A BI-ZONAL ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH THE TURKS WOULD OCCUPY LESS THAN 30 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY IN A LOOSE FEDERATION ARRANGEMENT?

(B) WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR AN OVERALL FEDERATION GOVERNMENT AND WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE THE SCOPE OF FEDERAL AUTHORITY IN SUCH A GOVERNMENT.

(C) IS THERE A BASIS IN MAKARIOS' RECENT STATEMENTS FOR BELIEVING THAT HE HAS TURNED HIS BACK ON ENOSIS AND THAT HE MAY BE MORE FLEXIBLE THAN HE HAS BEEN IN THE PAST?

(D) WHAT ARE THE REALISTIC LIMITS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENTS FLEXIBILITY? IS IT PREPARED OR ABLE POLITICALLY TO MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS?

(E) IS IT REASONABLE TO BELIEVE THAT THE TURKS WILL EVER AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT AS LONG AS MAKARIOS REMAINS?

(G) WE HAVE HEARD VAGUE SUGGESTIONS THAT MAKARIOS MIGHT CONSIDER STEPPING OUT OF THE PICTURE - AT LEAST TEMPOR-
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ARILY - IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A SETTLEMENT. IS THERE ANY BASIS FOR THESE REPORTS?

(H) WHAT BEARING WILL THE FORTHCOMING SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS ON THE GREEK-CYPRIOT SIDE HAVE ON NEGOTIATIONS AND ON THE FUTURE GREEK-CYPRIOT POSITION (IN THIS CONNECTION WE DEFINITELY BELIEVE YOU SHOULD TRY TO SEE THE HEAD OF THE GREEK-CYPRIOT LEFTIST OPPOSITION GROUP WHILE ON CYPRUS).

(I) WE UNDERSTAND THE SOVIETS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MORE ACTIVE

IN BACKING THE PRO-GREEK/CYPRIOT POSITION. IS THIS
IKELY TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE ELECTION OR NEGOTIATIONS?

(J) WHAT NEW NEGOTIATING SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED?

(K) WHAT IS THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE
TWO ZONES?

(L) WHAT IS LIFE LIKE IN THE TURKISH OCCUPIED AREAS? HOW
MANY TURKISH FORCES REMAIN ON CYPRUS? WHAT REDUCTIONS
HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND/OR ARE CONTEMPLATED?

(M) THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED WIDELY CONFLICTING REPORTS
REGARDING STATUS OF RELIEF EFFORTS ON CYPRUS. THE STATE
DEPARTMENT INFORMS US THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING
DONE; HOWEVER, CONTINUING REPORTS FROM RESPONSIBLE SOURCES
CONTRADICT THIS. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT?

AS SUGGESTED ABOVE, YOU MAY NEED TO EXTEND YOUR TIME IN
CYPRUS AND EVEN CONSIDER A RETURN TO TURKEY IN ORDER TO
ADEQUATELY COVER THIS SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT
SENATOR HUMPHREY IS VERY STRONGLY INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER
AND DESIRES THAT YOU TAKE WHATEVER TIME THAT IS NECESSARY
IN ORDER TO DO A THOROUGH JOB. PLEASE ADVISE US IF WE CAN
FACILITATE THAT EFFORT FROM THIS END. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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